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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for SSCI Staffers on the Middle East,
Terrorism, and Libya

On 9 January at 1630 in Room 7D32 Headquarters, SSCI staffers Eric Newsom, George Tenet, and Jim Dykstra were briefed by Charles Allen, NIO/Counterterrorism, [redacted] DI/NESA, and [redacted] DI/OGI. [redacted] Liaison Division, OLL attended the briefing, which was at the Top Secret Codeword level. Mr. Allen opened the briefing by providing examples of the kinds of terrorist incidents that have been thwarted since October 1984, according to Agency records. The briefers discussed various Middle Eastern terrorist groups, particularly the Abu Nidal group, as well as Libyan state support for terrorist activities. They also discussed probable Libyan reaction to a variety of possible US responses to terrorist actions. No follow-up actions were noted. The briefing was a lively and useful exchange, and Mr. Newsom commented particularly favorably on the knowledgeability of the briefers. (C)

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